CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 17, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Sergio Gomez of Santa Maria Foursquare Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino convened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

Chief Deputy City Clerk White announced that in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it was strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live on the City of Santa Maria's website at ' ' ' or on Comcast Cable Channel 23. She gave instruction about how the public may make general comments and to comment on items on the agenda while they were being heard by calling a phone number. Comments would be summarized for the City Council and recorded in the minutes. She indicated that if individuals chose to attend the Council meeting in person, they would be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, i.e., maintain a 6-foot distance between themselves and other individuals. Seating would be limited. Additionally, it was requested that Request to Speak forms be completed using their own pen or use a complimentary pen provided and keep it after completing the form.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Moats presented a Proclamation ensuring that "Everyone is to be Counted in the 2020 Census" in Santa Maria. The Proclamation was accepted by Justine Fischer of the 2020 Census.

Public Information Manager van de Kamp gave a presentation to the City Council on the upcoming Census and the City of Santa Maria's outreach efforts.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Mark Rademaker commented on his religious beliefs.

Glenn Morris, Executive Director of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the coronavirus' (COVID-19) impact on economics and business in the City.

Fire Chief Champion gave an update on local efforts related to the COVID-19 saying dispatchers have been screening calls for potential COVID-19 patients, and cautiously surveying situations while out on calls.

Sue Andersen, President/CEO of Marian Regional Medical Center, spoke about the competency of the organization to take care of infectious disease situations. Visitor policies have been enacted. Supplies are sufficient and obtainable should they need more. A testing facility outside of the emergency room has been set up and there are available beds to meet the need. Testing is challenging at this time as tests are sent to Ventura and San Luis Obispo for processing, and may take time to receive results. In-house testing for up to 700 patients a day is expected to be available soon.

Doctor Scott Robertson, President of Pacific Central Coast Health Centers (PCCHC) and Division Chief Medical Officer with Dignity Health, added that all 41 offices of PCCHC remain open, particularly for seniors exhibiting symptoms. Only the most critical can be tested at this time. Tele-medicine is available over the phone. The Government has given permission to Skype, FaceTime, etc. in light of the new virus. Once Marian is set to receive calls, the phone number will be provided for people to use.

Councilmember Moats asked if the hospital could handle one to three thousand sick patients all at once. Mr. Robertson and Ms. Andersen responded that it would be challenging, but they have been given authority to work with surrounding hospitals to do what was needed should the demand arise. They have also had some time, since the warnings began, to free up space in preparation for higher numbers of

patients. Reports are coming in everyday from hospitals in the northwest which has been hit hard with the virus, and Marian staff continue to learn and prepare based on those reports.

City Manager Stilwell added that a health order had been issued to close bars locally and for restaurants to maintain social distancing by operating at 50 percent. People and employees 65 and older were encouraged to stay at home if they were at risk.

Mayor Patino closed remarks saying the Recreation & Parks Department and Public Library Branches' activities were cancelled. Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited (including churches), everyone must maintain a 6-foot distance between themselves and others, all must wash their hands more often, the kick-off for Downtown Fridays has been postponed to May 1st. Public Health encourages residents to call 833-688-5551 (the Office of Emergency Management) with any questions. Public Health orders are enforceable by law, and these mitigation efforts are paramount to the next few weeks. If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the whole family should remain at home. Many stores in Santa Maria are opening earlier to allow the elderly time to shop before other shoppers. She also asked people to stop "panic" purchasing.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Waterfield indicated that she would abstain from voting on the Warrants (Item 3G).

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3H (except 3G) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-12 and Resolution Nos. 2020-18 and 2020-19. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Consent Calendar Item 3G (Warrants) was approved. The recorded vote appears with the item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2020.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12 authorizing an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Santa Maria (first reading was conducted on November 19, 2019).

Action: Second reading was conducted, and the Ordinance was adopted approving a contract amendment with CalPERS.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-12. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution authorizing increases in contract and settlement authority for the City Manager, City Attorney, and Risk Manager.

Action: Contract and settlement authority was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-18. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution declaring and confirming that dangerous weeds growing, and rubbish, refuse and dirt collected upon or in front of properties constitutes a public nuisance which must be abated; and commencing proceedings for the abatement of these nuisances pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.

Action: Declared and confirmed abatement of public nuisances, and commenced proceedings for its abatement.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-19. 5-0.

F. Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Report, and direct the Chief Deputy City Clerk to file the report with the Governor's Office of Planning & Research and the State Housing & Community Development Department.

Action: Annual Report was received, and direction was provided to the Chief Deputy City Clerk to file the report.

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Moats. Motion carried. Abstain: Councilmember Waterfield; 4-0.

H. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. The City Council was to receive a presentation by Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM) regarding adverse childhood experiences (ACE), and how CALM works with families and the community to address them.

Mayor Patino indicated that the presentation scheduled on the agenda from CALM was postponed.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. The City Council received a presentation from City Manager Stilwell on the proposed Citywide priorities and goals developed by the City Council during the February 14, 2020, Goal-Setting Workshop, approved the priorities for FY 2020-22, and approved the minutes of the workshop.

City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. For Fiscal Year 2020-22 priorities, there was a consensus of the City Council to have an overarching principal of *maintaining financial stability*. The City Council identified the top five priorities as: 1) encourage new affordable housing projects, special needs projects; 2) streamline business permits for small business owners to help them be compliant with the law; 3) provide resources to support the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force for Youth; 4) finalize and implement the Downtown Specific Plan, with a mixture of private and public investments; and 5) proceed with efficient and timely development processing and permitting to take advantage of the current economy and demand.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the priorities for 2020-22, and approving the minutes of the February 14, 2020, Goal-Setting Workshop.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-20. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be April 7, 2020. Items on the agenda would include a COVID-19 update; a community presentation; and Community Development Block Grants recommendations by the Block Grants Advisory Committee.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmembers Cordero, Waterfield, and Soto had no AB 1234 reports.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended an Investment Committee Meeting.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Monterey Bay Community Power Policy Board Meeting in San Luis Obispo and a Department of Conservation/Public Health Community meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Approved at a regular meeting on April 7, 2020.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

4/14/2020

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria